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Duxbury firefighter facing multiple charges after accident

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A Duxbury firefighter is on paid leave as he faces drunken driving charges.

John Thomas rear-ended another vehicle near the intersection of Beaver Dam Road and State Road around 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29, according to Plymouth Police Captain John Rodgers.

Thomas then fled the scene. He was charged with

operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation, leaving the scene of property damage, and carrying a firearm under the influence of liquor. Rodgers said Thomas had a license to carry the gun. He was taken to the Plymouth Police station then transported to the hospital for treatment.

Town Manager Richard MacDonald said that Thomas is currently on suspension

with pay pending the results of a blood test.

"I'm awaiting more information," MacDonald said Tuesday.

Thomas was a Duxbury special police officer as well as a firefighter, although he has resigned from that position.

Duxbury firefighters have a clause in their contract stating they can be terminated from their positions if they lose their license.